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SUBJ: DEA EXECUTIVE PROGRAM FOR COLONEL VACA

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1. ON APRIL 18TH EMBASSY RECEIVED WRITTEN REPLY FROM THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT, AUTHORIZING COL. (R) VACA TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. UNDER THE EXECUTIVE VISITOR PROGRAM FROM JUNE 23RD THRU JULY 4TH.

2. VACA ORIGINALLY INTERESTED IN VISITS TO MIAMI, WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO AND APPROPRIATE U.S. - MEXICAN BORDER ENDING WITH A VISIT TO MEXICO CITY ON HIS RETURN TO QUITO.

3. DEA/QUITO DOESN'T BELIEVE THE MIAMI VISIT WOULD BE ALL THAT PRODUCTIVE; A THROUGH BRIEFING ON S.A. - MIAMI SYSTEMS/ OPERATION SHOULD SUFFICE. SUGGEST THAT HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON INCLUDE IN-DEPTH BRIEFINGS AT DEA HQS, VISIT TO DEA LAB AND PERHAPS FBI HQS.

4. FROM WASHINGTON, TRAVEL TO NYRO WHERE HE CAN VIEW FIRST HAND A MAJOR REGIONAL OFFICE, ACTIVE SEA AND AIR

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PORT OPERATIONS.

5. VACA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SAN FRANCISCO VISIT, HOWEVER DEA AGAIN FEELS IT MIGHT NOT BE THAT PRODUCTIVE OTHER THAN A VISIT TO THE CITY. SUGGEST SAN DIEGO D.O. FOR MAJOR LAND BORDER OPERATIONS, PERHAPS WITH A TRIP OVER TO YUMA, ARIZONA FOR BORDER PATROL OPERATIONS, WHERE ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS ARE COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF ECUADOR.

6. PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE VISIT TO EL PASO, WHERE IF POSSIBLE EPIC OPERATIONS COULD BE EXPLAINED TO COL. VACA. EMBASSY AGREES THAT A VISIT TO MEXICO CITY BY VACA WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE WHEREAS HE WOULD BE EXPOSED FIRST-HAND TO DEA COLLABORATION WITH NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EFFORT OF ANOTHER COUNTRY. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY BETWEEN MEXICAN-ECUADOREAN TRAFFICKERS IN ADDITION TO SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN THE ENFORCEMENT FIELD.

7. AID ADVISES THAT PIO/P DATA ALLOWING FOR \$45 PER DIEM HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR COL. VACA. BIO DATA WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY.

8. SAIC KUYKENDALL WILL ACCOMPANY VACA AND EMBASSY REITERATES THE REQUEST FOR ACCOMPANYING TRANSLATOR. SAIC KUYKENDALL HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR A MID-LEVEL MANAGEMENT COURSE IN WASHINGTON AREA, TERMINATING IN LATE JUNE. REQUEST HQS ADVISE STATUS OF HIS ATTENDANCE AT THIS COURSE, AS IT WILL OVERLAP WITH COL. VACA'S VISIT TO U.S. HEMENWAY

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